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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Notice of Allowance: July 1, 2004
Oswald, *et al.*)
Serial No: 09/552,576) Art Unit: 1724
Filed: April 19, 2000) Examiner: C. Barry
For: **Method and Apparatus to Establish and
Optimize Sedimentation and Methane
Fermentation in Primary Wastewater Ponds**

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance, but Applicants do not concede or admit that the Examiner's stated reasons are accurate or apply to all the claims, nor that the stated reasons are the only reasons for allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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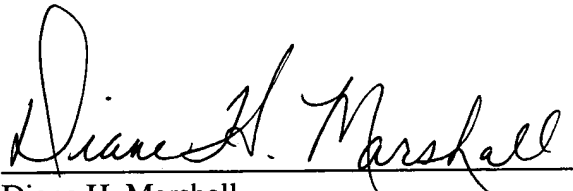
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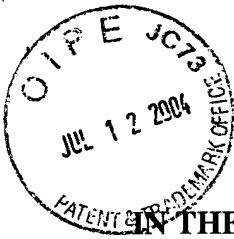
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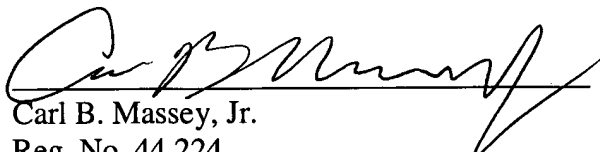
In reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed July 1, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the Issue Fee due October 1, 2004, in the above-captioned application. A copy of the PTOL-85, Part B form and Applicants' Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance are also submitted simultaneously herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total fee due of \$665.00 to Deposit Account No. 09-0528. Although it is not believed that any additional fees are due, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to the foregoing Deposit Account. This Transmittal document is provided in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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